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NEW MANAGEMENT

BLUE RIDGE INN.

Mr. A. C. Johnson of Spartanburg Succeeds Mr. Wm. Hewitt as Proprietor of this Well Known Hotel.

The Blue Ridge Inn is now under new management, Mr. A. C. Johnson, of Spartanburg taking charge of this popular hotel on Monday.

Mr. Johnson, for five years manager of the Spartan Inn, at Spartanburg, has had many years' experience in this most exacting business, and his success may be measured by the popularity of the Spartan Inn and by the scores of warm personal friends he has in that South Carolina city.

Mr. Johnson is by no means a stranger in Hendersonville. He is named after Mr. A. Cannon, president of the Bank of Hendersonville, his name in full being Albert Cannon Johnson, and his many friends here look to him to make this city still better known to the tourist and the great American traveling man through his management of the famous Blue Ridge Inn. There will be many improvements made in the hotel. The rooms will be renovated throughout, new carpets and furniture will be purchased and the hotel lobby, already one of the pleasantest in this part of the state will be still further improved by a handsome tile floor. The improvements, including the expensive floor will be completed by May first. Mr. Johnson's long hotel experience suggests to him many changes to be made in the management of the Inn. Amongst these improvements may be mentioned the cuisine, which will be brought up to the standard of some of the famous hotels of the country. Mr. Louis Haas, so long and favorably known for his ability in this line, will be the hotel steward, which is a sufficient guarantee of quality to those who know.

Mr. Johnson's ambition is to make the Blue Ridge Inn the finest summer hotel in Hendersonville. There is sufficient capital and experience behind him to promise that this will be done. He believes the future of Hendersonville is very bright and sees great possibilities for the development of his ambition in this beautiful city.

The fact is that Hendersonville is each year attracting more and more outside capital. And capital is slow to come and invest in new places until it is confident the future of the community is assured. Mr. Johnson is convinced that nowhere in the south is there a better opening for a strictly first class commercial and tourist hotel than in this city, and as before stated, no expense will be spared by the new management in making the Blue Ridge Inn fulfill his idea of what a first class tourist and commercial hotel should be.

Mr. Johnson's popularity is shown by the extremely friendly mention made of his new venture in the Atlanta, Charleston, Chattanooga and Birmingham papers, and it is safe to say that under his genial and painstaking care the Blue Ridge will lose none of its well-earned popularity gained under Mr. Wm. Hewitt. It will add to and increase the fame of beautiful Hendersonville as a resort which offers proper accommodations to the tourist and sightseer who wish to rest or to see Nature at her best amongst the grand old Blue Ridge mountains, in this most favored part of the world where, as the New York Sun says, "the climate during nine months of the year is without an equal, and for the remaining three months the dry and bracing atmosphere is a tonic and stimulant to all."

Mr. Wm. Hewitt, the retiring manager, who has so many warm personal friends in this community, and whose genial personality will be missed behind the desk of the Blue Ridge Inn, will devote his entire attention to his recently purchased property, "The Knickerbocker," formerly the beautiful home Mrs. Beale. Mr. Hewitt will make improvements there and will devote the same care and attention to this house which enabled him to turn over the Blue Ridge Inn to his successor with a reputation second to none in Western North Carolina.

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Mysterious Blaze.

Last Thursday night, at 11:30, the barn and entire contents belonging to Capt. M. O. Toms, on South Main street, was completely destroyed. In the barn at the time was a valuable horse and cow, 7 sets of harness, a carriage, buggy and brake, much corn and hay, etc. The loss is about \$1800 with no insurance.

The fire was first discovered by Mrs. R. I. Barnwell, who happened to glance out her window. Within a few minutes it was a blazing furnace, and only when it had reached the roof of the barn from igniting Dr. Johnson's buildings near the State Library.

It was difficult to get the fire company, who did not arrive until half an hour after the blaze was first noticed. Had the wind been blowing, as it was an hour later, it is said nothing could have saved the lower part of the town from destruction.

The origin of the fire is extremely mysterious. The door was locked, and every precaution against such a contingency had been adopted by the Captain. At one side of the barn is a small, sliding window. It would have been an easy matter for one so disposed to have dropped a match through this opening into the mass of hay below. Capt. Toms can find no explanation as to the origin of the fire, and has published a reward of \$200 for the arrest and conviction for arson of the person or persons guilty of the act.

Fire Company Reorganized

The fire company has been reorganized, with the following men as members: B. B. Jackson, chief, Thos. Sheppard, Ass't chief, John Forest, Frank Edwards, W. Davis, Homer Hawkins, R. L. Sexton, Vernon Murray, G. W. Guice, V. C. Shepherd, Claude Dotson, A. C. Glazener, Det. Reese and Jim Reese.

The board of town commissioners appointed a special committee to investigate the town's fire protection. A modern fire alarm bell has been ordered, which will be installed in the Opera House.

The fire company hereafter will hold drills, to perfect themselves in fire fighting. There is a strong sentiment in favor of the town buying a hose cart and horse, but it is hardly probable the city authorities will do so.

The present apparatus is capable of throwing a stream 100 feet. The water is turned only half force, owing, it is said, to the condition of the water pipes.

Notice.

To the Justices of the Peace of Henderson County:—

I take this method of announcing to you that I will be a candidate for the office of tax-collector for Henderson County before your body at the May election 1907, and that I shall appreciate your support in the said election.

Fairness and justice to all should be the democratic motto in Henderson County. We have but few offices in the county which carry with them any remuneration and those we have should not be held by the same men all the time. We all alike work for the success of our party and the rewards, if any, should be distributed. With perfect good will for all who may ask for this office, I shall urge my right for recognition at your hands in the May election.

Respectfully,
G. P. LIVERETT

Sugar Beet Factory a Possibility.

On Feb. 22d, at the court house, at 11 o'clock, A. K. Benton, of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, will talk on sugar beet culture. Free seeds will be distributed, and the beets, in the fall may be sent to the Department at Washington, where the U. S. government will analyze them free of cost. The growers will be informed as to the result, and if satisfactory, a sugar beet factory here is more than a remote possibility.

With Mr. Benton will be Mr. Quion, the noted corn and hog specialist, whose talk to the farmers must be of great benefit. He will also answer any questions the audience may ask.

It is hoped a large crowd will be out to hear these gentlemen, and to obtain the free seeds. A sugar beet crop in Henderson county would be of inestimable benefit to the community—it would be a money crop.

"Everybody Should Know."

says C. G. Hays, a prominent business man of Bluff, Mo., that Bucklen's Arnica Salve is the quickest and surest healing salve ever applied to a sore burn or wound, or to a case of piles. I've used it and know what I am talking about. Guaranteed by The Justus Pharmacy. Price 25 cents.

About the Lake.

The lake matters are gradually assuming definite shape, and by next week it is expected that the company will know just where it stands in reference to the most important item, namely, the question of options. The work of securing the options has now been divided up amongst several representative men, who are busy securing signatures this week.

The promoters take the position, a common-sense one, that the only way to handle the matter is to take up one proposition at a time. When that is settled, take up the next, and so on. Options for 60 days only are now being taken.

The options are the most important of all. Upon these being secured at a satisfactory price rests the whole proposition. If the land owners do not wish to sell at a moderate figure, the lake cannot be considered a possibility. Many property owners seem to show a disposition to hold their land a mistaken policy. A mistaken policy because the lake will not be built at all if options are unsatisfactory, and if the lake is built, there is no one in Henderson county who will not receive immediate and direct benefits.

The demand for labor will be great. An enormous amount of money will undoubtedly be dumped into the county and prices will advance all along the line. Farmers will receive the greatest benefit of any one class, probably. Skilled mechanics and unskilled labor will command good prices, and it may be repeated that the construction of the lake will benefit everyone in the county. For these reasons, the promoters believe the land owners should be willing to meet them half way. It is a speculation on their part, not an absolutely sure thing, and unless inducements are held out to these capitalists it is not to be supposed they will run the whole risk of spending their money. A boulevard of 39 miles will cost money. So will the dam. So will the clearing of the land, and a thousand and one other things.

If the lake is built which means if the options can be secured, the future of Hendersonville and Henderson county is assured.

It is believed that the gentlemen having this important matter in hand will be successful in their efforts, and that this spring will witness the beginning of this gigantic work.

Married in Washington

The following, from the "Tacoma Evening News," (Washington) will be of interest to our readers:

A quiet little wedding was solemnized yesterday at the Hotel Mason, the contracting parties being young people of Winlock, Miss Grace Veness, a niece of Senator Veness of Lewis county, and Thomas Lyda, a well-known lumberman of the Cowlitz river section. The bride was accompanied by her father and the ceremony took place at 2:30 o'clock, Rev. J. W. Miller of Central M. E. church reading the service. Following a few days in Tacoma, Mr. and Mrs. Lyda will go to Victoria, B. C. on their honeymoon trip.

Believes in this City

Col. Andrew Jackson Smith, who has spent the past few months here, left on Friday for his New Jersey home. Col. Smith is enthusiastic over Hendersonville—her climate, her possibilities, her internal improvements. He thinks the future of this city is very bright indeed, and has nothing but words of praise for this country. The general colonel has lived in almost every state in the Union, and has found nothing to surpass this section. He will return again, next year.

Injured Going to Fire

Robert Ficker, reelman of the Hendersonville fire department, met with a painful accident on last Thursday night. In discharge of his duty, Mr. Ficker drove two miles at break-neck speed, reaching town in time to swing on the hose wagon as it went to the fire. He was thrown from the wagon and the wheels passed over him, but with a bravery that has won the hearts of all the girls in town, Mr. Ficker made a brave fight at the fire. It is said Mr. Charley Ficker was kept busy the next day answering the phone calls from Robert's friends, who are all glad that his injuries were not serious.

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A Valentine Dance.

A large number of young people were very pleasantly entertained at "Valmont" by Miss Fayette Gurley on last Thursday evening. After enjoying tete-a-tetes and various games all responded promptly to the welcome call of "Partners on the floor" and "tripping the light-fantastic toe" continued until a late hour. The Fruitland Band had been engaged for the occasion and the music was exceptionally good.

Licenses Issued.

J. N. Biddingfield, 31, Fletcher, and Stella Middleton, 18 Hendersonville.
L. D. Camp, 27, Flat Rock, and Rachel Heifer, 21, Hendersonville.
J. W. Mintz, 28, and Anne McHam, 19 Hendersonville.
James Simmons, 28, Flat Rock and Lipson Witter, 25, Virginia.

Roll of Honor.

FIRST GRADE: Attendance, Hardy Thompson, Valentine Riply.

DEPARTMENT: Jessie Brooks, Lillian Clouse, Helena Green, Effie Jackson, Beatrice Blythe, Lucy Dermid, Ora Dermid, Edith McCreary, George Shepherd, Laurence Bly, Everlita Clouse, Ernest Beck, Paul Newman, Hardy Thompson, Hugh Waldrop, Donald Staton, J. P. Rickman, Boyd McGuire, Valentine Riply, Alonza Twyford, Rhea Smith.

SECOND GRADE: Attendance, Gladys Reiber, Ruth Williams, Electra Twyford, Emma Orr, Oscar Clouse, Elmo Holland, Douglas Manders, Oswald Smith.

DEPARTMENT: Douglas Manders, Otto Brookshire, Oscar Clouse, Everard Dimer, Oswald Smith, Cora Blythe, Cecil Stepp, French Toms, Elmo Holland, Roy Lanning, Elsie Tucker, Electra Twyford, Gladys Reiber, Charlie Hot, Nora Conner, Sewel Stepp, Jessie Bowen, Ethel Orr, Emma Orr, Ethel Hollingsworth, Willie Jordan, Ruth Williams.

Attention.

The Watt Bryson Camp 1021 will meet on the 1st Saturday in March. It is hoped that all members will come. Let us have a good time.

J. M. SHEPHERD Comd.

Flat Rock Happenings.

J. F. Edney has moved into the Osteen house near the Mud Creek Church.

The many friends of Miss Myrtle Hart will regret to hear of her illness at her home in Flat Rock.

Miss Nora Osteen gave an entertainment last Friday night. A good crowd was present and an enjoyable time was had. The Pace band furnished some fine music for the occasion.

Arthur Osteen has been sick for a few days but is back at his work again.

The Hart Kitting Mills are going to install a new oxidizer in their dye house. The material is on the ground.

Fred Edney is back at Flat Rock. He has been out east working in the lumber camps.

J. P. Patton has increased the shelving in his store through to the back end of the building, getting ready to carry a larger stock this Spring.

The many friends of Mrs. R. I. Lowndes will be pleased to hear of her recovery from her recent illness.

Favie Hart, of Union, S. C., is visiting friends and relatives at Flat Rock.

W. H. Ward is very ill at his home with the grippe.

M. Smith is building a fine little cottage near the Mill.

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Rhymer an Hickory now have rural school libraries.

There are now 18 schools provided with libraries, 16 actually placed. Superintendent McD. Ray says he wants to see one of these libraries in every white school in the county.

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